GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:87
ANSWERED ON:25.11.2002
SKY MARSHALS
NEDURUMALLI JANARDHANA REDDY

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of air line routes, domestic and international, where sky marshals have been deployed on board for security;

(b) the pay, perks and other facilities provided to the sky marshals;

(c) the catering and other in-house facilities provided to them on board when on duty; and

(d) the details of grievances ventilated by them so far through official channel and action taken, if any, thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.87 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.11.2002
(a) Providing details of airline routes on which Sky Marshals are deployed would not be in public interest.
(b) Sky Marshals are commandos of National Security Guards(NSG) and drawn from the Army on deputation. The pay of Sky Marshals is given as per the rank of the officer. The Sky Marshals are provided Boarding, Lodging and Transport while on duty.
(c) The catering and other in-house facilities provided to the Sky Marshals on board is the same as provided to the passengers.
(d) No serious grievances have been aired by Sky Marshals. However, the few incidents/complaints reported/made by the Sky Marshals are in the area of pre-embarkation security checks, lack of advance information of rescheduling of flights/ cancellation of flights and seating arrangements. Necessary corrective measures have been taken to pre-empt recurrence.